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An anniversary is a very important event. It marks the passage of time and records the experiences of the soul. Forty years is not a long time as the life of the Church is written, but when one thinks of all that the Church in this Parish has accomplished in enriching life and sweetening fellowships, it is truly a time for which we may give thanks and praise to God.

We solemnly dedicate this occasion to the generous efforts of all those who have finished their course in faith and wish for those who still carry on a glorious fruition of all their labors.

Sincerely yours,

C. E. Snowden

FORMER RECTORS

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Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady
May 1899 - - - - - - October 1901

Rev. J. B. Faulkner—*Rector in Charge*
November 1901 - - - November 1902

Rev. George Griffith Bartlett, D. D.
November 1902 - - - - April 1908

Rev. William R. Turner
May 1908 - - - - - - April 1917

Rev. Robert Norwood, D. D.
September 1918 - - - - May 1925

Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D. D.
October 1926 - - - November 1930

History of
The Memorial Church of St. Paul
Overbrook, Pennsylvania

The first meeting of residents of Overbrook for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization of a Mission was held January 15, 1898. The following Committee was formed:

Chairman—Dr. Edward Brooks
Secretary—Mrs. Edward G. McCollin

Mrs. Wm. Simpson	Mr. Edward A. Casey
Mrs. D. N. McQuillen	Mr. E. E. Cassell
Mr. W. Percy Simpson	Mr. Lewis A. Thompson

Mr. Warren P. Laird

The first meeting of the Committee was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. McCollin, 2049 Upland Way, March 4th, 1898.

The first account opened with Girard Trust Company, a deposit of $12.91 on March 3rd, 1898.

First Sunday services held in Miss Sayward's School on February 27th, 1898.

Mission established by Rev. Cyrus T. Brady, Arch Deacon of the Diocese.

April 21st, 1898

Rev. Edwin A. Gernant appointed by Bishop Whitaker, Missionary-in-charge of the Overbrook Mission.
Officers and Advisory Committee elected at Parish Meeting:

Warden—Dr. Edward Brooks
Treasurer—Lewis A. Thompson
Secretary—Edward G. McCollin

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Jr.	Mr. E. A. Casey
Mrs. D. N. McQuillen	Mr. W. Simpson
Mrs. Edward G. McCollin	Prof. W. P. Laird
Mr. E. E. Cassell	Mr. John E. Payne

April 26th, 1898

First meeting of Committee.

May 25th, 1898

Offer of $20,000.00 to erect church building made by Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Jr., Mr. W. P. Simpson and Mr. David Morgan.

JUNE 6TH, 1898

Name "Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook" selected upon recommendation of Bishop Whitaker.

JUNE 20TH, 1898

Present site of Church property decided upon (except lot in rear of Chancel was bought later.)

Building Committee appointed:

PROF. W. P. LAIRD — DR. BROOKS
MR. LEWIS A. THOMPSON — MR. JOHN E. PAYNE
MR. W. P. SIMPSON

MR. E. E. CASSELL and MR. E. G. MCCOLLIN were added August 1st.

OCTOBER 21ST, 1898

Congregational Meeting and Mission organization effected.

MARCH 22ND, 1899

Offer from Mrs. Simpson of the gift of an organ.

APRIL 12TH, 1899

Death of Mr. David Morgan.

APRIL 26TH, 1899

Additional gift of $5000.00 for Church building from Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Jr., and W. P. Simpson.

MAY 15TH, 1899

Admitted as a Parish.
Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady elected Rector.

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1899

House 6347 Woodbine Avenue leased for Rector at rental of $60.00 per month, of which Rector paid $10.00.

NOVEMBER 20TH, 1899

Organization of Woman's Auxiliary and St. Cecelia Chapter. Organization of Choir—engagement of Mr. Harry A. Matthews as organist. Appropriation for Choir purposes $1100.00; to begin January 6th.

JANUARY 2ND, 1900

Capacity of Church 66 pews 350 sittings.

Music of the first service in the Church on Christmas Day 1899 rendered by thirteen ladies of the Volunteer Choir assisted by Mrs. Sidney Thayer as soloist with Mr. McCollin as organist and choir master; the ladies of the Choir being: Miss Miller, Miss Strange, Miss Earnshaw, Miss Frismuth, Miss Meredith, Miss Jones, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. J. P. McCullen, Mrs. H. C. Thompson, Jr., Mrs. L. S. Dexter, Mrs. Keffer and Mrs. Yardley.
Miss Sproule engaged as Contralto.

JUNE 9TH, 1900

Resolution of Consecration of the Church.
Decision to proceed with the erection of a Parish House at a cost of $10,000.00, of which $4000.00 was in hand and balance, $6000.00, to be raised by placing mortgage on land not occupied by the Church Building.

OCTOBER 2ND, 1900

Suggestion to enlarge the Church, as all the pews but two were rented and applications had been received from many families and persons for pews who could not be accommodated. A Committee was appointed to confer with the donors of the Church.

MARCH 23RD, 1901

Committee of Ladies to expend in furnishing the Parish House the proceeds (amounting to about $700.00) of the Bazaar held in December 1900. Committee: Mrs. Lewars, Mrs. Balch, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. McCullen.
First meeting of Vestry held in the Parish House.

MAY 13TH, 1901

Resignation of Rector, Rev. Cyrus T. Brady accepted, to take effect October 15th, 1901.

JUNE 3RD, 1901

Amendment to By-Laws.

JUNE 17TH, 1901

Parish House ground broken August 24th, 1900. Used first time for Sunday School March 3rd, 1901, completed April 20th, 1901—Total cost $11,712.67, of which $5,728.29 was raised by subscriptions and balance by mortgage for $6000.00 on the land on which Parish House stands.

JANUARY 7TH, 1902

Rev. J. B. Faukner, Rector Emeritus of Christ Church, Germantown, Minister-in-charge November 1st, 1901 to November 29th, 1902.

OCTOBER 4TH, 1902

Rev. George Griffith Bartlett elected Rector.

March 15th, 1905

Committee of three of Vestry appointed to confer with Mrs. Simpson re: Enlargement of the Church.

May 12th, 1905

Letter from Mrs. Simpson dated April 25th, 1905 sets forth terms upon which she will bear expense of enlarging the Church.

June 5th, 1905

Work upon enlargement of Church begun May 22nd—services since then held in Parish House.

January 8th, 1906

First service after enlargement held in Church November 26th 1905. Bishop Co-adjutor Mackey-Smith made the address.
Original capacity of Church—66 pews, 350 sittings.
Enlargement makes 118 pews, 572 sittings.
Cost $13,430.00
Expense to Parish due to enlargement of Church—$1052.77

December 23rd, 1907

Resignation of Rev. George G. Bartlett as Rector presented, to take effect April 19th, 1908.

March 6th, 1908

Rev. Wm. R. Turner elected Rector.

January 4th, 1910

Duplex Envelope system adopted.

December 15th, 1911

Lot in rear of Chancel purchased for $2500.00, ground rent $125.00 yearly.

June 16th, 1912

Vestry underwrote the sum of $300.00 as a contribution to the erection of St. Barnabas Church, 64th Street and Haverford Avenue, as a memorial to Bishop Whitaker.

June 1st, 1915

Accounting Warden reported that the Parish has contributed during the past year for purposes outside the Parish practically one dollar for every dollar spent on ourselves.

October 11th, 1915

Formation of a Parish Council.

January 4th, 1916

First meeting of Vestry and Parish Council.

April 1917

Resignation of Rev. William R. Turner as Rector.

April 10th, 1917

Rev. Stuart L. Tyson, D. D., engaged as preacher at 11 A. M. service, April 22nd to June 1st.

March 8th, 1918

At a joint meeting of Vestry and Parish Council an every member canvass proposed.

July 24th, 1918

Extinguishment of Ground Rent on Overbrook Avenue lot.

November 14th, 1918

Rev. Robert Norwood elected Rector.

April 11th, 1919

Suggestion to build Rectory.

June 8th, 1919

Death of Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Jr.

July 23rd, 1919

Bequest of $10,000.00 from Mrs. Simpson to Endowment Fund received.

October 7th, 1919

Offer from Mr. & Mrs. W. Percy Simpson to defray cost of building a Rectory, $30,000.00.

March 4th, 1920

Authorization to place mortgage of $3000.00 on Overbrook Avenue lot to provide money for furnishings for Rectory.

January 25th, 1922

Mr. Walter H. Thomas, Architect, instructed to prepare working drawings and specifications for the enlargement of the Church.
Mr. Walter H. Thomas proffers services as Architect without other charges than that involved in the necessary office costs.

June 18th, 1922

Parish meeting at which plan for enlargement of Church was approved.

JUNE 27th, 1922

Planned to finance enlargement of Church by placing mortgage upon property of Church excluding therefrom the Church Building proper and the land upon which it stands.

APRIL 2ND, 1923

Meeting of Corporation to recommend amendment of Charter to increase number of Vestrymen from ten to twelve.

JANUARY 1ST, 1924

Committee on Church Drive submitted report showing 566 subscriptions, total $31,800.00.
Committee appointed to confer with members of Overbrook Presbyterian Church in reference to arranging Union services for the summer months.

DECEMBER 16TH, 1924

Committee on Annual Drive reported total number of subscriptions 575; amount $30,295.20.

MARCH 31ST, 1925

Resignation of Dr. Norwood to take effect May 1st.

APRIL 14TH, 1925

Balance of $25,000.00 mortgage on account of enlargement of Church paid off.

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1925

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton called to be Special Preacher.

JANUARY 5TH, 1926

Drive Committee reported subscriptions for 1926 to be $26,185.00.
Resolution to present to the new Chapel of the Episcopal Academy a paten and chalice, referred to Finance Committee with favorable recommendation.

FEBRUARY 4TH, 1926

Engaged Rev. J. Jarden Guenther as Associate Rector.

MAY 30TH, 1926

Certification of Dr. Newton to the Priesthood.

OCTOBER 31ST, 1926

Dr. Newton having been ordained to the Priesthood on October 28th, elected Rector of the Parish.

JANUARY 25TH, 1927

Drive Committee reported 523 pledges for a total of $27,324.00.

MARCH 18TH, 1927

Resolution that Mr. Thomas be requested to prepare plans and obtain estimates of the cost of remodeling the basement of the Parish House in order to provide additional space for the Sunday School

APRIL 19TH, 1927

Resolution to have Corporation Charter amended to provide that "The Vestry shall consist of such number of persons as may from time to time be fixed by the By-Laws."

JUNE 28TH, 1927

Authorization for the remodeling of the basement of the Parish House to provide enlarged quarters for the Sunday School.

OCTOBER 1930

Resignation of Dr. Joseph Fort Newton as Rector.

NOVEMBER 1ST, 1930

Election of Rev. C. E. Snowden as Rector.

MARCH, 1936

Ciborium presented in memory of Dr. Frederick S. Parks, M. D.

APRIL, 1937

The Ambry presented by Messrs. G. A. Bisler, Jr. and Joseph Stelwagon.

MAY 16TH, 1937

Dedication Sanson Memorial Window in memory of Linda-Ann Sanson.

MARCH, 1938

Death of Mr. W. Percy Simpson.

MAY, 1938

Presentation and dedication Altar Vases, donated by Mrs. Edwin L. Blabon.

APRIL, 1939

Dedication of Tablet presented by Mrs. W. Percy Simpson in memory of Mr. W. Percy Simpson.

TIME MARCHES ON . . .

Forty years of a life of service for The Memorial Church of St. Paul, indeed no one should question the joys which have emanated from this Holy Place.

Today in this troubled land of ours Christ in all His glory marches on. What greater tribute can we pay on this great occasion than to dedicate our lives and hopes to the everlasting God and solemnly promise that this Church shall march on and on?

PROGRAM

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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1939

MORNING SERVICE, 11 A. M. ..... REV. C. E. SNOWDEN, *Rector*

ORGAN RECITAL, 4.15 P. M. ..... FREDERICK STARKE
Organist and Choir Master

VESPER SERVICES, 4.30 P. M. .... REV. J. JARDEN GUENTHER, S. T. M.

Followed by

Afternoon Tea—Parish House
Sponsors, Ladies of The Parish

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1939

PARISH DINNER, 6.30 P. M. ..... *Green Hill Farms*

Guest Speaker, Hon. Roland S. Morris

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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1939

MORNING SERVICE, 11 A. M. ..... REV. C. E. SNOWDEN, *Rector*

ORGAN RECITAL, 4.15 P. M. ..... FREDERICK STARKE
Organist and Choir Master

VESPER SERVICES, 4.30 P. M. ..... BISHOP FRANCIS M. TAITT, D.D.

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SUPREME OF FRESH FRUIT

CELERY OLIVES

CONSOMME NATURE

ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF BORDELAISE

GREEN PEAS AU GRATIN POTATOES

PEACH PARFAIT

FRIANDISES

DEMI TASSE

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1939, 6.30 P. M.

GREEN HILL FARMS HOTEL

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Rev. C. E. Snowden, *Rector*
Mr. Walter H. Johnson, *Rector's Warden*
Mr. H. H. Miller, *Accounting Warden*
Mr. C. J. Cutting, *Secretary of Vestry*
Miss I. M. Abernethy, *Parish Secretary*

Vestry

Hon. H. Edgar Barnes
Mr. C. J. Cutting
Mr. John S. Farr
Mr. E. W. Fehr
Mr. Philip H. Gadsden
Mr. Walter H. Johnson
Mr. H. H. Miller
Mr. Albert W. Sanson
Mr. Joseph Stelwagon
Mr. Randall Seaman
Mr. Robert J. Scott
Mr. Kenneth E. Wilson

Church School

The Rector, *Superintendent*
Com. J. L. Woodruff, *Asst. Supt.* & *Supervisor Senior Dept.*
Mr. Geo. H. Bardsley, Jr., *Supervisor Junior Dept.*
Miss Mary O. Evans, *Supervisor Primary Dept.*
Miss Marghrita Peacock, *Supervisor Kindergarten*

Altar Guild

Mrs. Edward K. MacEwan, *President*
Mrs. Harry D. Evans, *Vice President*
Mrs. Howard H. Demmert, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Louis A. Rehfuss, *Secretary*
Mrs. John S. Farr, *Asst. Secretary*

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. H. H. Miller, *President*
Mrs. C. J. Cutting, *First Vice President*
Mrs. Donald Irwin, *Second Vice President*
Mrs. John S. Farr, *Secretary*
Mrs. George H. Johnston, *Treasurer*

Periodical Club

Mrs. M. B. Carson, *Chairman*

Rector's Aid

Mrs. Knight Snowden, *President*
Mrs. L. R. Gaty, *Treasurer*
Miss Ruth Glasby, *Secretary*
Miss Marian DeWaele, *Vice President*

Men's Club

Mr. Louis A. Rehfuss, *President*
Mr. Walter Ford, *Treasurer*
Mr. Randall Seaman, *Secretary*

Junior Fellowship

Emerson Smith, *President*
Francis Smith, *Vice President*
Betty Hayslip, *Secretary*
Nancy Pollock, *Treasurer*

Senior Fellowship

Mr. William Carson, *President*
Mr. William Lindsay, *Vice President*
Mr. Clifford Shipley, *Treasurer*
Miss Mildred Webb, *Secretary*

Frederick Starke, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Olive Marshall, *Soprano*
Dora Van Roden, *Alto*
Royal MacLellan, *Tenor*
Elwood Weiser, *Bass*

Acolytes

The Order of St. Vincent—St. Paul's Chapter

William K. Armstrong
Lew Callaghan
Augustus P. Clarson
Robert A. Crandall
L. Stanford Hayslip
Arthur Diehl
Thomas Hewson
William Kennedy
Richard Kennedy
Emerson Smith
Alan Bristor
Calvin Wrightson
Kenneth Diehl
Howard Irwin
Robert Martin
Frederick Bartlett